

DRY GOODS MYSTERY

Quantity of Dress Goods,
Overalls, etc., Found
By Officers.

**MEN WHO REPORT FIND
TO POLICE DISAPPEAR**

**Authorities Investigate Story and
Locate Goods in Ravine
and House.**

(From Thursday's Daily)

The sheriff and chief of police have got a case today that would give a Scotland Yard's man the willies to unravel. They have located, and now have under lock and key, a big stock of dry goods, a large enough assortment to start up a dry goods store assortment to start up a department store. The owners of the stuff cannot be found and the parties who made the haul have not been apprehended. Early this morning Fred Blunt, generally known as "Dump" met Chief of Police Rainey and told him that he and Sampson Karnes had found a bunch of dry goods in a ravine near the Missouri Pacific bridge over the Platte. He said he and his pal were hitting the ties out that way a day or two ago to apply for a job on the bridge gang which is at work on the Platte river, when they accidentally noticed a few pieces of cloth under some bushes which grew along a small ravine not far from the big bridge. They investigated and found the pile of dry goods part of which Blunt took to the residence of his brother Jesse, in the south part of the city. He said he had intended to get a rig in order to bring the rest of the stuff in and turn it over to the authorities but they had not seem to be able to get a team. This was the story given to Chief Rainey this morning by Blunt who explained he was on his way to see the Deputy Sheriff. He proceeded to Manspeaker's livery barn, told him the yarn, and turned over the key of the house where a portion of the goods were stored. After doing this he walked down Main street and seemed to drop out of sight.

The sheriff and police secured rigs and hurried to the ravine which Blunt had described and found the goods. Piling these into their wagon box they went to the house where the goods were said to be stored and there they found a large trunk and sample case crammed with ties, skirts and many other articles of wearing apparel. After placing the goods in the court house, the search began in earnest for the two men who seemed to know so much about the stuff. Other officers had been watching the trains and scouting around the men's favorite loafing places while the sheriffs were hunting up the goods, but not a trace of their men could be found and up to the News press time today the whereabouts of the two men had not been unearthed. It is thought they made their getaway on No. 6 or one of the early trains this morning.

Although there is nothing at present to convict the men of the theft of the goods, their actions have been very peculiar and it seemed suspicious for the pair to make such a hasty departure from the city this morning. Next door to the Blunt residence stands an old empty house which has been the scene of considerable activity lately during the hours of darkness. The sound of hammers and saws has been heard coming from the place and it is now thought by some to have been the headquarters for a gang who were engaged at some such business at night.

The goods evidently have not been stolen from any local store, for the great quantity would certainly have been missed by the store keeper. It is thought they were thrown out of a freight car on the Missouri Pacific tracks. The stuff consists of quite a medley including three or four rolls of cloth, a bundle of overalls, neckties, corsets, black skirts and other small articles of dress goods. There have been no thefts from neighboring towns reported to the local authorities and it presents to them quite a puzzling case.

This office has several broken reams of high grade linen paper, for letterheads, etc., that we wish to dispose of and as an inducement will offer the best grade linen letterheads for \$3.15 per thousand. Now is your chance to lay in a supply at this figure—this stock sells the world over at \$4.50 per thousand. Most any color you desire. Envelopes to match—at the regular prices.

FRESHMAN CLASS PARTY AT JOHN ALBERT'S HOME

Young High School Pupils Have
Enjoyable Time at Comet
Party Last Night.

The Freshman class of the High school had their first annual class party last evening at the home of John Albert on Pearly street. Nearly every member of the large class was present and the affair was very successfully pulled off without any interference of the upper class men. The High school faculty and Mrs. Gamble were among the invited guests. The evening was pleasantly whiled away with guessing games, a short program and star gazing for the comet tail. In the latter they were not very well rewarded for there was not a sign of the comet visible so the program and refreshments were the most enjoyable parts of the evening. The program consisted of several numbers by different members of the class and faculty and was as follows:

Piano selection
..... Waldameir Soennichsen
Piano solo May Barker
Reading Miss Johnston
Piano selection Mary Albert
Vocal solo Ferris York
Address Principia Harrison
Address Superintendent Gamble

At about eleven o'clock a luncheon was served consisting of sandwiches, pickles, chocolate, fruit, etc. It was at a late hour when the merry makers adjourned, and the affair was voted a grand success even if the comet did disappoint them.

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The enclosed letter was offered to the Journal for the purpose of correcting the erroneous statement made in that paper in its issue of the 17th, and they refuse to give it space. Will you kindly print same and oblige.

Yours truly,

J. M. Leyda.

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 18th, 0900.
Mr. R. A. Bates,
Plattsmouth Journal, City.

Dear Sir:
The Journal last evening stated that, in the matter of remonstrance against granting a permit to Gering & Company, that I was trying to saddle the cost of the transcript of testimony on the city. I desire to state that this statement is not true. I wish to say that we are ready to pay the costs of the transcript whenever same is ready, and I so advised the Court yesterday upon the hearing of our motion, and to say that we are trying to put the city to such expense is unfair. I trust you will be fair and correct this statement.

Yours truly,

J. M. Leyda.

Commercial Club.

The regular meeting of the commercial club will be postponed from tonight until tomorrow, Friday night, May 20th at 8 o'clock. This change is made on account of the High school entertainment at the Parmele tonight. It is desired that there be a full attendance at the meeting. Reports from Messrs. Tidd and Patterson, the Club delegates to the State Convention will be listened to, and the matter of celebrating the Fourth will be brought up for action, and every one who is interested in this matter should have a part in the discussion.

Reports of interest will be given by committees appointed at the last meeting.

J. P. Falter, Pres.

E. H. Wescott, Secy.

Ribs Were Broken.

Oscar Green, the laborer hurt yesterday afternoon in the Burlington lumber yards, is resting easy this morning at his home at Seventh and Silver streets. He was standing on a pile of lumber in the drying room stacking another pile of boards, when the lumber he was using as a footing turned over with him, throwing him heavily against the sharp edges of another pile. The full force of the impact caught the man on the right side of the back and when examined at the company's office, it was found the two lower ribs on the right side were broken. It is not thought any internal injuries were sustained and a speedy recovery is looked for.

Pastor Installed.

Exercises for the installation of the new minister, Rev. Mr. Lou Wallace Gade, were held at the Presbyterian church last evening, the services being in charge of Rev. Mr. Perry of Nebraska City. A very impressive sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Perry, following which the charges to the pastor and congregation were made, Rev. Dr. Sexton giving the former and Rev. M. Salisbury, the latter. A beautiful anthem was rendered by the full choir. A large congregation was in attendance which remained after the services to become better acquainted with the new pastor and wife.

COMET IS SPEEDING AWAY, EARTH SAFE

No Remarkable Action Accompanies Encounter With Tail.

LARGE SUN SPOTS AND AURORA LIGHTS SEEN

Comet Will Be Visible Friday Night in Western Sky With Tail Extending Straight From Horizon.

(From Thursday's Daily)

Halley's comet has come, it has paid its call and is now hurrying away from us at the rate of 40 miles a second and in such a hurry was the visitor that it didn't stop to pay the proper respects to the hundreds of astronomers who had their telescopes trained on the heavens praying for some noteworthy phenomena. The passage of the earth through the comet's tail, for the first time in history, could not be noticed by the naked eye and there were but a few astronomers who saw anything startling. Big spots on the sun and a brilliant display of the northern lights were about the only unusual things that were observed and the scientists think the spots on Old Sol had no relation to the comet.

The superstitious people in the land who worked for weeks constructing caves and storing up provisions had their hard work for nothing. The many hours they spent in planning what they would do when the deadly cyanogen gas struck the earth, were foolishly lost for there has not been a soul injured by the caller and it is now hurrying away from us as fast as it can. There were hardly two astronomers in the country that formed the same opinion as to what the results would be and there were but very few who foretold the result of the passage as they turned out. There was no shower of meteors, no poisonous gasses, nor any interruptions in the telegraph wires. The hundreds of people in Plattsmouth who set up to view the phenomena until long past midnight, and who rose in the middle of the night to see what capers the comet was cutting, were badly disappointed. A little after two there was a faint streak in the western sky but it was impossible to tell whether it was a part of the comet tail or a blur in the eye of the early riser.

The earth was estimated to have encountered about 50,000,000,000, cubic miles of comet tail, which contained one molecule of solid or gaseous matter to each cubic yard, or in other words, the section of the tail which the earth encountered was estimated to weigh one half of an ounce, an awful small amount to put thousands of people in the world on the verge of nervous prostration. An ounce of gas stirred up with 50,000,000,000 cubic miles of space ought to make a mixture, weaker than a cup of hotel coffee.

None of the eastern observatories had anything of note to report either during the day or the night. At Chicago and at Williams Bay, Wis., where is the great Yerkes telescope the conditions for observations seemed the best and the astronomers there seemed to believe that the negative as well as the positive results of their examination would be of lasting value. While the performance took a little more than five hours, astronomers differed as to the exact time the earth began to pass through the comet's tail but the general opinion averages a moment between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. The speed of the earth, and the tail of the comet was estimated at slightly more than forty six miles a second and the breadth of the tail at about 1,000,000 miles.

Friday the comet will become visible again, headed away from us with the tail sticking straight up out of the western sky a little above the spot where the sun sinks. There will then be no light from the rising sun to dim the glory of the spectacle and it is likely to be far more majestic than in the stages of its approach. At the end of a month, good bye for another seventy five years.

YERKES OBSERVATORY, WIL-
LIAMS BAY, Wis., May 18—Unusual
displays of aurora lights at 9:30 o'clock
tonight are said by Prof. Mitchell of
New York, who is here to observe

the passage of Halley's comet, to be the direct result of the comet. This was the most important observation made thus far.

Despite a spectacular display of aurora lights moved across the sky from east to west, Prof. Frost, in charge of the observatory, and Prof. Mitchell of New York do not connect the phenomena directly with the comet. The aurora lights tonight followed the observation of three huge sun spots late this afternoon.

ST. LOUIS, May 18—Thirty sun spots one of which was estimated to be 150,000 miles in diameter, were seen by Father S. Brennan, astronomer at Kenrick seminary, this afternoon. The spots, according to Father Brennan indicate violent solar eruptions. "The spots on the sun," said Father Brennan, "were in three groups. I saw them at two thirty o'clock. Twenty-six spots were in one, three in another and one in the other group. It was the lone spot that was the largest.

The biggest sun spot ever recorded was seen by Capt. Davis in August 1848. It was 180,000 miles in diameter. The one I saw today was the largest I have ever seen. I witnessed just before and just after it was breaking. Near the bottom appeared a large rent as if the photosphere was torn.

"The spots had no connection with the comet because of the 80,000,000 miles the comet is from the sun. The solar disturbances I believe will occur for several days. The spots at this time are quite unusual, but no uneasiness need be felt. They are caused by internal disturbances in the sun. The spots, which were seen by Prof. See at Mare Island this afternoon and which he said were roughly joined, I believe to be parts of the largest spot I saw in the afternoon."

PRINCETON, N. J., May 19—At 3 o'clock this morning Dr. Henry Russell, professor of astronomy at Princeton University, declared that, contrary to general predictions, the earth has not yet passed through the tail of Halley's comet. He said that towards the east a distinct streak of light was visible, very much similar to the Milky Way. He declared that the reason why the earth had not reached the comet's tail is that the tail is carried away from the earth, and although the head of the comet has crossed the sun's disc by four hours the tail will probably not reach the earth until later in the morning.

ENEWA, N. Y., May 18—Excellent observations of Halley's comet were taken by Professor William R. Brooks, director of Smith observatory, who reported the comet's tail stretching out in a broad band across the heavens to a length of more than forty five degrees. The nucleus, Professor Brooks said, was very bright, being easily visible with the naked eye long after all the stars, except Venus, had disappeared.

Dr. Brooks said that the comet, viewed through the telescope, showed the same remarkable changes in form that were noted three days ago. Its shape was that of a pointed crescent with the nucleus on the extreme front and much larger than noted at any previous observations.

It's a Boy.

A new baby son arrived yesterday afternoon at the home of Clarence Forbes and although he is not blessed with any teeth and has a very scanty head of hair, he is making the best of it and has made up his mind to stay for keeps. Mr. Forbes is an employee of the Burlington paint shops.

Can You Tell Us.

How many national legal holidays there are in the year.

(From Thursday's Daily)
R. M. Shlaes of the Majestic Theater is in Omaha today on a business mission.

Walter White was an Omaha traveler on one of the late morning trains today.

Philip Becker of Eight Mile Grove is in the city today attending to some business matters.

T. O. Wilson was among the morning travelers to the state metropolis today going up on No. 15 on the Burlington.

Dr. E. W. Cook returned this morning from Lincoln where he had been to attend the Modern Woodmen rally last night.

Rev. Dr. Sexton of Lincoln who took part in the services at the Presbyterian church last evening, returned to his home this morning.

S. O. and Roy O. Cole of Mynrad were in town a short while this morning on their way to Omaha where they will remain a few days.

Miss Mable Miller of Omaha arrived in the city this morning for a few days visit with Miss Rachael Livingston and incidentally to see the class play this evening.

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Mrs. Stewart and daughter Lucile of Red Oak, Ia., are in town for a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. W. L. Straight.

Cliff Wescott and Rev. Austin are in Weeping Water attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Cass County Sunday School association.

Earl Mayfield of the Louisville Courier, was in town today and made a call at the News office while enroute to Omaha to take in the big Woodmen rally tonight.

The second issue of the Religious Field Glass is out today, having on the cover a picture of C. C. Wescott, vice president of the Cass County association.

Mrs. J. E. Shooley of Bartlett, Ia., left this morning for her home after being in the city since last Monday visiting at the home of her mother Mrs. S. O. Newland.

Mrs. Mae Morgan, Miss Lucile Stewart and E. H. Wescott were in Omaha last evening to attend the concert given at the Brandeis by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

James Craig of Burwell, Nebraska left this morning for his home after being in the city for a few days with his father who departed yesterday morning. They had taken a carload of stock to the market at South Omaha and had stopped here for a short stay on their way home.

Tomorrow evening the Nebraska chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons will have initiation and hold a big banquet at their lodge rooms, the spread to be furnished by the ladies of the St. Mary's Guild.

Mrs. W. J. Richardson and Mrs. J. S. Davis who live a few miles south of town were in the city this morning on their way to Omaha where they expected to make a short visit with their friends.

C. J. Baker the Plattsmouth man convicted of bigamy by the district court, was brought to the city yesterday afternoon from the penitentiary by Sheriff Quinton and this morning had his bond fixed by Judge Travis at \$500, which will be raised by either his mother or brother.

This office just received a fine line of wedding stationery at a price where by we can print them up for you at a figure surprisingly low. Our work in this line is up to the minute and if you are even thinking of getting married come in and look this matter over—it alone is quite an inducement.

To Marry at Elmwood.

Marriage license was issued this morning at the county judge's office for A. Max Fisher age 39 of Omaha and Lillian Bogenrief age 27 of Elmwood. Mr. Fisher took the morning Missouri Pacific for Elmwood where the marriage was to be performed this afternoon. The bride is a daughter of David Bogenrief, an Elmwood resident. The newly weds will leave in a few days for Colorado Springs where they will make their home for the summer. The groom is an actor playing at one of the theaters in the Colorado town during the summer months.

DEMOLISHED BARRACKS

One Hundred Killed and More Than That Number Wounded.

DEAD INCLUDE OFFICERS RURAL GUARDS AND OTHERS

Three Thousand Pounds of Dynamite are Exploded in the City of Pinar del Rio.

HAVANA, Cuba, May 19—Two almost simultaneous explosions of dynamite, supposed to consist of 3,000 pounds, completely demolished the rural guard barracks in the city of Pinar del Rio this afternoon. Fully a hundred persons were killed and as many wounded.

Most of the dead were rural guards but the entire families of several of the officers of the rural guards, it is reported were killed, as were also several employees of the public works department and residents of the city, on which fell a deluge of masonry and debris from the blown up building.

It is not known yet whether the explosion was the result of accident or was due to an act of conspirators, but the former hypothesis is considered the most probable. Several relief trains carrying surgeons, officers and government officials started this afternoon from Havana to the scene of the catastrophe, 108 miles away.

Captain Alfredo Ravera and Captain Gaspar Betancourt of the garrison and their families are reported to be buried in the ruins.

The barracks was a massive building of Spanish construction and occupied an eminence in the outskirts of the city to the north. During the late intervention it was the headquarters of Colonel Parker's regiment, the Eleventh cavalry.

In consequence of the alarm over race disturbances the government ordered all dynamite in the vicinity in the possession of contractors for road construction and other public works to be removed to the barracks for safe keeping. This afternoon the work of removing the dynamite from the barracks for shipment to Havana was begun by the employees of the public works department assisted by rural guards.

They were engaged in loading cases of the dynamite on wagons when the explosions occurred, stranding the central court in which the work was going on with dead and wounded.

The work of exhuming the dead and searching for those who still may be alive is going on tonight but is greatly retarded by the destruction of the electric light wires and the fear that a quantity of unexploded dynamite remains in the ruins.

High School Play Tonight.

Tonight is the time that many of the students of the High school have been looking forward to for months, it is the evening of the High school play, "Cupid at Vassar" which is to be given by a large caste of Seniors. Every seat in the house has been sold and the "Standing Room only" sign will be hung out when the doors of the Parmele Theater are opened this evening. The young actors are spending the day in light rehearsal but every member has his part thoroughly in hand. The scene is set in and around the famous girl's school, Vassar, where the heroine is attending as a Senior. The comedy part of the production is carried by a negro servant at the home of the heroine who later holds down a job at the girl's school. Miss Lucile Gass and George Dovey carry the leading parts in the play.

Stags Had a Smoker.

The young men's society of German Turners held forth at a stag party last evening given at the hall in order that they might be able to witness the comet doin's in the city hours of the morning. Their affair was in the form of an informal smoker, at which about twenty of the members were present. Long before the comet was due, the atmosphere of the room became so filled with cigar smoke that it appeared like a London fog and the comet could not have been observed if it had been bumping on the outside of the window. Different members of the order gave short talks and toasts. Ice cream and cake were served, the boys adjourning at a late hour of the night, after spending a very pleasant evening.

R. B. Windham returned this morning from Lincoln where he had been on a business trip.